THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Lok Adalats and Legal Aid Programmes envisaged in the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 have a statutory base with the enforcement of the said Act in the country with effect from 9.11.95.

(b) and (c) The information as provided by the 19 State Legal Services Authorities, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Delhi is given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix* 188, *Annexure No.* 24]

The information from the remaining 13 State Legal Authorities, namely, Assam, Goa, J&K, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, Pondicherry, Maharashtra and Sikkim is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of Sharkhej-Maliya State Highway as National Highway

736. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sharkhej-Viramgam-Malvan-Dhrangadhra-Halvad-Maliya-State Highway No. 7 and 17 joining NH No. 8A near Ahmedabad and NH No. 8A near Maliya (186.75 kms) is under active consideration of the Central Government to declare it as National Highway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely time by when the decision will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.